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SUBJECT: CINCPAC VISIT TO MALAYSIA

1. SUMMARY: FIRST VISIT TO MALAYSIA BY CINCPAC APRIL 9-17
INVOCVED DISCUSSIONS WITH MINDEF AND ARMED FORCES AND
MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER, FUNCTIONS INCLUDED WREATH-
LAYING AT NATIONAL MONUMENT, LUNCHEON HOSTED BY SECGEN,
MINDEF, AND DINNERS HOSTED BY DATT AND AMBASSADOR. VISIT
MARKED BY TYPICAL MALAYSIAN CORDIALITY. CINCPAC' S STRESS ON
US DETERMINATION TO HONOR COMMITMENTS AND MAINTAIN STRONG
PRESENCE IN ASIA WAS WELL RECEIVED BY ALL. END SUMMARY.

2. VISIT PROVIDED TIMELY OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH PERSONAL
CONTACTS AND EXCHANGE VIEWS ON STRATEGIC SITUATION
IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. MALAYSIANS, INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, DOWN
PLAYED NEUTIALIZATION CONCEPT AND GAVE NO INDICATION THAT
MAINTENANCE OF US MILITARY STRENGTH IN AREA WAS IN ANY
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SENSE INCOMPATIBLE WITH THEIR VIEWS.

3. PM RAZAK QUIZZED CINCPAC ON SITUATION IN INDOCHINA, PARTICULARLY REGARDING CAMBODIA AND INTENTIONS OF HANOI ON FULFILLMENT OF TERMS OF PARIS AGREEMENT. PM RECOGNIZED MANY UNCERTAINTIES IN INDOCHINA SITUATION AND COMMENTED THAT STRONG GUADIAN POSITION OF US FORCES WAS ENTIRELY COMPATIBLE WITH HIS OWN VIEWS.

4. OF SOME INTEREST WAS PM'S COMMENT ON THE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY IN GOM'S DIALOGUE WITH THE PRC. RAZAK SAID GOM WAS CONTINUING TO PROBE PEKING'S TWO-TIERED, GOVERNMENT-PARTY, INTENTIONS. GOM HAD APPARENTLY ASKED THE PRC TO PUBLICLY RENOUNCE COMMUNIST INSURGENCY MOVEMENTS IN MALAYSIA. THE RESPONSE WAS THAT THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE SINCE THE CCP HAD PROVIDED IDEOLOGICAL SUPPORT TO THESE MOVEMENTS FOR YEARS. HOWEVER, THE PRC TOLD GOM NOT TO WORRY ABOUT THE ISSUE, THAT IT "WOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF" ONCE FORMAL RELATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED. RAZAK COMMENTED THAT THIS WAS NOT GOOD ENOUGH.

5. COMMENT: MORE BY INFERENCE, RATHER THAN FROM ANYTHING SAID, I SENSED A STRONG NOTE OF WARINESS IN RAZAK'S COMMENTS ABOUT PRC AND HANOI INTENTIONS. HE WAS CLEARLY CONCERNED OVER THE FAILURE OF HANOI TO ADHERE TO THE PARIS AGREEMENTS, PARTICULARLY THE MASSIVE MOVEMENT OF MILITARY SUPPLIES INTO SOUTH VIETNAM AND THE AGGRESSIVENESS OF NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES IN CAMBODIA. WITH THE PROSPECTS OF FORWARD MOVEMENT ON NEUTRALIZATION DIMMER THAN EVER, IT WAS NOT SURPRISING THAT HE WELCOMED THE REASSURANCES HE RECEIVED FROM CINCPAC CONCERNING THE US MILITARY POSITION IN THE REGION

6. THIS MESSAGE NEITHER SEEN NOR CLEARED BY CINCPAC.
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